

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1096 - SB 1341

March 25, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Reduces the number of judges serving on each intermediate appellate court from 12 judges to 9 judges each.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures – \$2,247,800/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- The bill would reduce the intermediate appellate courts by six judges.
- The bill would result in the State no longer paying the salary and benefits of six appellate judges, six judicial assistants, and 12 law clerks.
- The costs associated with each judge are as follows:
  - \$208,065 [ $\$167,592 + (\$167,592 \times .2057 \text{ benefits}) + \$5,999.28 \text{ insurance}$ ] for judge's salary and benefits;
  - \$34,518 [ $\$24,792 + (\$24,792 \times .1503 \text{ benefits}) + \$5,999.28 \text{ insurance}$ ] for salary and benefits of a judicial assistant;
  - \$130,047 [ $\{[\$51,312 + (\$51,312 \times .1503 \text{ benefits}) + \$5,999.28 \text{ insurance}] \times 2\}$ ] for salary and benefits of two law clerks; and
  - \$2,000 for law library and online research.
  - \$374,630 ( $\$208,065 + \$34,518 + \$130,047 + \$2,000$ ) total for each judge.
- The bill would result in a recurring decrease in state expenditures of \$2,247,780 ( $\$374,630 \times 6$ ).
- The bill would result in a delay to hear each case, as each remaining judge of the intermediate appellate courts would be responsible for a larger caseload. The impact of such delay, however, cannot reasonably be estimated.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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